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1. DELAY IN RESPONSE REFTEL OCCASIONED BY OUR DESIRE TO MAKE THOROUGH RECHECK CURRENT GOM ATTITUDES/REGULATIONS BEFORE REPLYING.

2. EMBASSY HAS KNOWN FOR YEARS THAT MOROCCO, WHILE ACTIVELY SUPPORTING MOST OTHER JOINT ACTIVITIES, HAS GONE ITS OWN ROUTE ON ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT. SO FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN AWARE, NO RPT NO US FIRMS HAVE EVER BEEN BARRED FROM TRADE OR INVESTMENT HERE BECAUSE OF ACTIVITIES OR LINKAGES WITH ISRAEL. IN VIEW OF GOM'S ACTIVE SOLICITATION OF ARAB SUPPORT FOR SAHARA CAMPAIGN, HOWEVER, AND POSSIBILITY THIS LIBERAL ATTITUDE MIGHT HAVE BECOME COMPROMISED--AS WELL AS POSSIBILITY THAT STAND-BY REGULATIONS OR UNKNOWN MONITORING OFFICE MIGHT EXIST OR HAVE BEEN CREATED, EMBASSY UNDERTOOK RECHECK TO BE SURE OF GROUND.

3. AFTER THOROUGHTEST POSSIBLE INQUIRIES THROUGH VARIETY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BANK, MINISTRY, AND PRIVATE CHANNELS, ENGAGING RESOURCES OF

SEVERAL SECTIONS OF EMBASSY, WE CAN CONFIRM THAT GOM HAS NO
RPT NO DIRECT OR INDIRECT, INFORMAL OR STAND-BY BOYCOTT
PROVISIONS. THERE IS NO PRESSURE OR INTENTION TO ALTER
EXISTING POLICY. COCA COLA, REVLON, FORD, RCA AND OTHER
ELSEWHERE BOYCOTTED FIRMS MANUFACTURE AND/OR DISTRIBUTE
FREELY IN MOROCCO.

4. GOM SOURCES HAVE ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE HANDLED
WITH DISCRETION SINCE MOROCCO DOES NOT WISH TO DRAW ATTENTION
TO ITS INDEPENDENT LINE. PUBLICITY COULD ATTRACT RENEWED
PRESSURE TO CONFORM FROM OTHER ARAB LEAGUE COUNTRIES.
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